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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Ex-Mich. Supreme Court Justice Kelly joins Wayne State law faculty

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly has joined the faculty at Wayne State University Law School. The Detroit school made the announcement on Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly joins Wayne State Law faculty

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Associated Press: Ex-SupCt Justice Kelly joins Wayne St. Law faculty

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Detroit Legal News: Former chief justice joins Wayne Law faculty

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The MiLW Blog: Former MSC justice joins Wayne Law

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The Detroit News: Michigan AG requests grand jury investigation into meningitis deaths

"Attorney General Bill Schuette said Tuesday he will ask the Michigan Court of Appeals to empanel a four-county grand jury to investigate distribution of contaminated steroids blamed for the deaths of 14 Michiganians.... If the Court of Appeals grants Schuette's request, a circuit court judge would likely be appointed to oversee the probe."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Attorney General Schuette wants grand jury to look into meningitis outbreak

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Mich. AG seeks criminal probe of meningitis deaths

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: AG asks for grand jury to investigate steroid illnesses, deaths

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Schuette seeks grand jury investigation into meningitis outbreak linked to 14 Michigan deaths

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: AG requests grand jury to probe meningitis deaths

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Detroit Free Press: Motion challenging recent layoffs in budget battle to be heard by judge Thursday

"An ongoing legal battle over the budget of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is expected to head back to court this week. Wayne Circuit Court Judge Wendy Baxter will hear a motion filed Monday by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, according to a news release issued by the prosecutor's office.... The hearing on the motion will be held Thursday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Wayne Co. prosecutor challenges layoffs (third article)

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Budget fight hits 35th court

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Mich.'s broken defense system

John L. Lengemann writes "Congressman John Conyers, D-Detroit, raises a number of valid points in his editorial regarding court-appointed counsel (March 25, 'Gideon: A promise unfulfilled'). Not having a federal practice, I cannot comment on the merits of its court-appointed system, however I do have a long-time acquaintance with the Michigan system. It is broken."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Gideon: A promise unfilled

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: 'Don't give up on me,' murder convict tells judge; Kaleb Hampton sentenced to 37 years in prison

"A 21-year-old Battle Creek man was sentenced Monday to at least 37 years in prison as the second man convicted in a 2010 killing. Kaleb Hampton was found guilty of second-degree murder in the April 1, 2010, shooting death of Ledell Anderson."

[Full story](#)

C & G Newspapers/Warren: Armed robbery suspect flees courtroom, gets caught again; Suspect tried to enter occupied vehicles while on the run

"An armed robbery suspect broke free of his police escort while being transferred to Hazel Park 43rd District Court — part of the same building as the Hazel Park Police Department — and managed to flee across the street before police tracked him down and captured him again."

[Full story](#)

C & G Newspapers/Warren: Court, council chambers to get makeover

"The torn, creaking seats in the City Council and court chambers have been accommodating visitors to City Hall since the 1950s. They're neither comfortable nor aesthetically pleasing. After nearly 60 years of use, the city is gearing up to give the room a makeover that will include new seating."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: After serving 25 years for murder, brothers Thomas and Raymond Highers were released from prison last summer

"Decades in prison could have broken two brothers' spirits and burdened them with a sense of hopelessness that can deaden the soul. But Thomas and Raymond Highers, less than a year apart in age, never gave up trying to prove that they were innocent of murder. Their hope, and the hard work of family members and some dedicated attorneys, kept their case alive."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Called to the law: New District judge wants to help resolve issues

"Beginning a new job can be nerve-racking for some, yet others embrace the opportunity before them. Newly-elected Oakland County 46th District Court Judge Debra Nance is the latter."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Lapeer County Prosecutor Byron Konschuh appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to circuit court judgeship

"Byron Konschuh, the county prosecutor since 2000, has been appointed by Gov Rick Snyder as a circuit court judge there, according to a press release. Konschuh replaces the retiring Judge Michael Higgins at the 40th Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: True meaning of Presidents Day can be hard to discern

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren writes "... The holiday was intended to commemorate the singular, historic accomplishments of George Washington. Feb. 22 (not the third Monday of February) is Washington's true birthday. After he was given to the ages, the country began to celebrate his birthday as an unofficial holiday. In 1879, Feb. 22 became an official federal holiday."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Right to work lawsuits (table)

A table listing six Right to Work lawsuits pending in federal and state courts.

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: State Supreme Court enters electronic age

"... Michigan's Supreme Court began its first steps into the electronic world in 1996 when Supreme Court oral arguments and other proceedings were broadcast via Michigan Government Television; MGTV ceased broadcasting in December 2012. Starting with oral arguments the first week of March, it is now possible to follow court hearings through live streaming via the Internet."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Small claims courts discussed

"Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc. (LAD) recently conducted a free workshop for residents of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties on how to represent themselves in small claims court and collect money judgments."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Accused Roseville man may benefit from appeals court ruling

"A Roseville man facing drug charges and the potential loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in property and cash could have the charges dismissed or reduced due to appeals court rulings. The state Court of Appeals overturned a Macomb County judge and says that a Roseville police officer presented misleading information for a search warrant of William McCleese's house in 2010."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

The Macomb Daily: Matt Landry killers' resentencings could be year away

"Although Matthew Landry's killers this week gained new sentencings for their felony murder convictions, they will not be resentenced until late this year or 2014. Robert Taylor was granted a new sentencing in an appeals court ruling released Friday that mimicked the decision announced two days earlier for Ihab Maslamani."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

The Macomb Daily: County eyes outdoor smoking ban

"Outdoor smoking would be banned within 100 feet of doors and windows of all Macomb County government buildings, under an ordinance eyed by the county Board of Commissioners.... At the county courthouse in downtown Mount Clemens, jurors, attorneys and courtroom spectators mix with the employees who light up a smoke near the Main Street entryway."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Court tosses challenges to coal permits

"Two utilities have been given permission to build new coal-fired power plants in northern and western Michigan. The state Court of Appeals has tossed out legal challenges to their permits. But, that doesn't mean the plants will be built."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Van Bolt announces retirement from ADB

"John Van Bolt, the executive director and general counsel of the Attorney Discipline Board has announced his retirement effective Oct. 1, 2013. Van Bolt has led the ADB since 1986, and has been with Michigan's attorney discipline system since 1980."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Court system relief: Walsh appointed attorney magistrate to help with arraignments

"The recent move by former Midland County Circuit Court Judge Jonathan E. Lauderbach from the bench to private practice has put a strain on the local court system. In an attempt to relieve some of that pressure, the Midland County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of 42nd Circuit Court-Family Division Attorney Referee Michael S. Walsh as attorney magistrate for district and circuit court."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Midland County board approves \$86,543 for digitizing Friend of Court records

"What do you do with 6,000 files and 800,000 pages of documents that need to be digitized? That's the question facing the Midland County Friend of the Court as staff looks toward a move from the Midland County Courthouse to the Midland County Services Building."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Mediation Center teams up with anti-bullying program

"Beaumont Children's Hospital's NoBLE anti-bullying program and the Oakland Mediation Center have teamed up to create a new mediation program for parents and schools to resolve issues related to bullying behavior. The new Bullying Issues Mediation Program is believed to be the first of its kind the United States."

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Campaign targets elder abuse

"... [T]he Area Agency on Aging 1-B, which works for seniors in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties, is launching an awareness campaign called 'No Excuse for Elder Abuse' Wednesday. The launch will feature a series of expert speakers discussing the scope of the region's elder-abuse problem. St. Clair County Probate Judge John Tomlinson [and Oakland County 44th District Court Judge Derek Meinecke] will be there to speak."

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